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Fremont-Winema National Forests

Lakeview District BLM

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USDA's Fremont-Winema National Forests

(Includes Bly, Chemult, Chiloquin, Klamath, Lakeview, Paisley, and Silver Lake Ranger Districts)

USDI's Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District

(Includes Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas)

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Reward Of Up to \$4,000 Offered

Lakeview, Oregon – Historic windmills, homestead cabins, watering troughs and wells are being destroyed in North Lake County. A reward of up to \$4,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for the destruction of these historical landmarks.

In the last year alone there have been five acts of vandalism. They include the burning of a homestead cabin at Roberts Well, the plugging of the well with rocks, and the destruction of a 100 year old windmill at Beeler Well which had the supports cut with an ax and the remaining windmill pulled down with a truck. Additional damage includes the destruction of the well at Button Springs, watering troughs east of Green Mountain and damage to the pump at Fredrick's Well. This pattern of vandalism has been ongoing in North Lake County and is under investigation by law enforcement officers.

The destruction of these historical landmarks and private properties has brought together the ZX Ranch, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, the Lake County Stock Growers Association and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lakeview Resource Area to offer this reward. Anyone with information about these or other acts of vandalism on public or private land in North Lake County are asked to call Lake County Sheriff, Phil McDonald, at 541-947-6027 or BLM District Ranger Lynn Miracle at 541-947-6138. You may remain anonymous.

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